

THE CALIFORNIA KLAN

KLAC Transcript: Hotbed of Hatred**Sound:** Montage "Hatred"**Music:** Up and under . . .

George Lincoln Rockwell (American Nazi Party): The only people that have any unity are the Niggers and the Jews. When one Nigger meets another Nigger, the first thing he thinks is . . . there's a brother Nigger . . . and when another Jew meets another Jew, that's the first thing they think. The first thing two white men on the right wing think is . . . that's a Bircher . . . or he's a Nazi . . . and the hell with him.

Connie Lynch (Ku Klux Klan): All the non-whites, not only in America, but throughout the world, are being marshalled against the white race by these Christ-hatin' Jews and it's going to come to a bloody race war.

Irs. Doris Klenck (Christian Defense League): They're trying to discourage anyone who will oppose their plans.

Dr. Wesley Swift (Church of Jesus Christ-Christian): If anybody finds the King Kleagle of the Klan in the State of California, tell me . . . there's a lot of recruits looking for him.

Col. William P. Gale (U.S. Army Ret., & Calif. Rangers): You've got your Negro Jews, you've got your Asiatic Jews, and you've got your white Jews . . . they're all Jews, and they're all the offspring of the Devil.

Thomas Lynch (Atty. Gen., State of Calif.): Most of this activity seemed to die out for a great number of years. Whereas we had one organization like the Klan, today we have a half a dozen, and they seem to be competing with each other in the business of hatred.

Announcer: The Special Projects Division of KLAC News presents . . . "Hotbed of Hatred" . . . a study of the California Klan . . . Here now is KLAC's Special Projects Director, Charles Arlington.

Arlington: Man is a distrustful creature — always has been . . . perhaps it is a heritage from his distant beginning, when only fear and distrust of a hostile world allowed him to survive . . . today, that fear and distrust are still here. The pre-historic roots live on beneath the thin crust of civilization, and man's other ancient traits — envy . . . pride . . . malice . . . guilt and greed fertilize the fallow fields to ripen into a "Hotbed of Hatred" . . .

Music: Up full . . . then fade for following . . .

Arlington: There are few among us who personally know or even suspect the presence of organized, even armed militant minority groups in our midst. . . . This is our story — documented proof — of the existence of clandestine clans here in California . . . perhaps in your own neighborhood — maybe down the street . . . driving your freeways . . . shopping at your markets . . . voting in your elections. . . . They are here — they might be near — converting your community into a "Hotbed of Hatred" . . .

Music: Up — and Under . . .

Connie Lynch: As a representative of the Christian Defense League and as one who organized for, and speaks for the Ku Klux Klan, I encourage every white American, if they don't have a gun, get them a gun.

Arlington: Meet Charles Conley Lynch — alias Conrad Lynch . . . known to friends and foe as "Connie". The spitting image of the dreaded Ku Klux Klan . . . by his own admission a member . . . a leader . . . and organized for the KKK. He lives here in Southern California. By now, Connie Lynch is well known to many southlanders . . . he takes every opportunity to be quoted . . . to be heard . . . to be seen . . . spewing forth the creed of the Klan. For the Klan as Connie Lynch represents it wears no mask . . .

Connie Lynch: These white people have a right to defend themselves. They haven't did any part of what they ought to do. White America, all over, not just the South, ought to rise up and demand that these Niggers go home and stay home, or get 'em out of here and send 'em back to Africa and let their kinfolk eat 'em.

Arlington: The barbaric bombast of Connie Lynch belies the public impression that the Klan went out with horse-drawn carriages

and was only confined to the deep South. Today's headlines document that terror now rides on four wheels . . . or seethes in the Molotov Cocktail . . . the dynamite stick . . . the cattle-prod . . . and high-powered sniper rifle. But that's the South.

Arlington: California has its own not-so-pretty brand of klansmanship . . . with a history of violence in this century that saw a valiant battle by the Roman Catholic Church here in the southland to beat back the bigot in the '20's . . . then again in the early '40's . . . Jews trying to buy property in the mountains nearby Los Angeles found their homes scarred by fire . . . burning crosses . . . terror in the night. And . . . if the Klan revival is allowed to flourish, it could happen again . . . the hatred is still here.

Connie Lynch: You'll find where the Negroes are marching, you usually find leading them is a bunch of rabbis. Christ-hatin' Jews. Every once in a while, some of the news media says something about me having a anti-Jew meeting. I tell them why in the hell don't they go up and . . . and stop the Emmanuel Temple and so forth every week from the Jews having an anti-Christ meeting.

Arlington: You've heard but a taste of what's to come . . . documentary proof that the creed of the Klan is flourishing in the smog-laden air of 1965. Unlike the south . . . where the Klan has launched an open . . . flagrant fight to the finish against equal rights for the Negro . . . there are here . . . hundreds . . . perhaps thousands . . . singing a more subtle, but equally sinister song. In the fall of 1964, an anonymous caller alerted the KLAC News Bureau that a man's life had been threatened in nearby Glendale. The threat, we found, had allegedly come from a person or persons representing a group so extreme as to resemble the Ku Klux Klan in nearly every facet . . . politically, philosophically, religiously. Through our sources, we were able to confirm that the man's life was in danger because he had secret information on extremist organizations and their activities and that information had turned up in the hands of the F.B.I. This man, still hated . . . still hunted . . . became an informer for KLAC News.

Agent 13551: I acted as an undercover agent, but have come to the surface to tell a story that should be told.

Arlington: Our informant . . . who shall not be known by name . . . infiltrated several extremist organizations, and in fact, became a member of the Ku Klux Klan. In secret, he met Minutemen, Rangers, Nazis . . . saw from the inside the methods . . . the madness . . . of the militant political and religious hate groups that sell fear to Americans.

Arlington: His story, coupled with an intensive probe by the KLAC News Special Projects Division . . . along with facts from the official files of law enforcement agencies at the state, county and local levels, will substantiate beyond a shadow of a doubt that these extremist organizations are linked . . . closely — by leadership, by mutual membership and by a common goal . . . white supremacy.

Last April 12th, California Attorney General, Thomas Lynch, issued a 79-page white paper attacking five so-called paramilitary organizations. He listed them as the American Nazi Party, the National States Rights Party, the California Rangers, the Minutemen, and the Black Muslims.

However, several months ago KLAC's investigation began zeroing in on one man, a minister . . . whose church and teachings appear to be the fountainhead for much of the mania that has brought these private armies into being . . . his name — Dr. Wesley Albert Swift.

Dr. Swift: Thou art the Eternal God . . . so as tonight we survey these situations that transpire in our nation and throughout the world, it is with the realization that the sure word of prophecy is gradually developing in accordance with Thy foreknowledge. With the understanding that Thy kingdom is an eternal kingdom that shall never be destroyed and that shall never be left to other people, so as we commit ourselves to Thy hand, we say, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven . . . and that we ask it! . . . Amen.

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a typical call on the supreme being not to leave his kingdom to what he terms "other peoples".

As we progress . . . it will become clear that other peoples in the parlance of Dr. Swift and the parishioners in his far flung "Church of Jesus Christ-Christian" means two things . . . non-whites . . . and Jews. Strikingly similar enemies to those of the Ku Klux Klan.

The Reverend Wesley A. Swift is the admitted founding father of an organization called the "Christian Defense League" . . . a militant arm of his church. KLAC's man on the inside, who while secretly passing on information to the F.B.I., worked his way into the confidence of Swift and the CDL's national Director, R. G. Butler of Whittier, learned early in his underground role of the importance of Swift's church to racial extremism in Southern California.

Agent 13551: The actual participation in the group in California began in the '63-'64 period. I was the security agent for the CDL National Director. I guarded the security building and the files therein. The files which extended through most every state in the union. Members of the Klan, members of all other extremists groups who joined in to help make Christian Defense League the central group, the reporting group, for all of these organizations. The very sister and co-worker in this, of the CDL on the West Coast, is the National States Rights Party. Now with this goes the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian, which is a doctrine that is taught exclusively by the extremist groups. The Nazi Party, the Rangers, the KKK of California is closely knit and all go down to hear the preachers of the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian expound the hate-doctrines.

Arlington: A KLAC News team bore out our informant's testimony. After attending Swift's church on three separate occasions, it was noted that the message changed only slightly from service to service. It was racial supremacy in the guise of biblical gospel or extreme political conservatism. And like the sermon, the audience was nearly identical at each meeting. More about some of Swift's faithful parishioners later. As our informant, who shall be known only by a number symbolic to him . . . 13551 . . . As our informant indicates, there is a definite relationship between the religious, the political and the militant in these extremist organizations. Despite considerable evidence, however, most of the extremist big-wigs interviewed by KLAC News deny such an alliance. One, the aforementioned National Director of the Christian Defense League, R. G. Butler, was questioned at his headquarters at home in Whittier. A diesel engineer by day, Butler divides his off-time between raising Arabian horses and breeding race hate.

Butler: There's no official recognition or compatibility or association between the leadership of the CDL and any other organization. The only way in which we might be linked is that a member of the CDL might also be a member of the John Birch Society, the States Rights Party, or some other organization.

Arlington: No official link says the Christian Defense League's head man . . . but under further questioning, Butler does admit he embraces the doctrines of the Klan.

Butler: Oh yes, definitely, we are sympathetic to any organization or . . . whose leadership seems to be going for the goals of the . . . uh . . . that we are aiming at. Now, I have seen nothing as yet of my own which would lead me to believe that the KKK is a subversive organization. While in Alabama several times and in North and South Carolina, I have seen some of their literature. They most definitely expouse (sic) their upholding and defending of the Constitution of the United States of America . . . of defending the uh . . . uh . . . people who made America, which of course, is the white Christian . . . uh . . . our founders, and as such, I myself, have never seen anything derogatory about the KKK.

Arlington: R. C. Butler a close personal associate of the Reverend Swift . . . the man in command of the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian. As heard on the night of last April 30th at the Hollywood Women's Club, where services are held each Friday and Sunday, Swift told his congregation:

Dr. Swift: We point out that as we have never been members of any organizations outside the church and the Christian Defense

League, that actually as everybody knows who has been a part in the Christian Defense League, it was a religious, educational and anti-Christian-defamation organization. As far as the church is concerned it has never been a military group and the church reserves the right to discuss prophetically and biblically and anything that has any relationship to the security of its parishioners, any subject that is vital and requires discussion.

Arlington: In the words of the extremist minister, "we have never been members of any organizations outside the church and the Christian Defense League". However, on the first page of that section of the Attorney General's report on private armies, Swift is said to have been identified in 1945 as an organizer for the Ku Klux Klan.

Swift is linked in various police reports with the burning of a cross at Big Bear, California, in that same year . . . and according to a national magazine article, Swift was described as a "former Ku Klux Klan rifle team instructor. Further, his closest associates, many of which have been ordained in his church, or called upon to address his congregations, are leaders in both the National States Rights Party and the California Rangers.

In spite of growing evidence of both philosophical and actual relationships with other groups, Swift seems sure of himself when he's accused of rubbing elbows with private armies. . . .

Dr. Swift: Far as the various right-wing political parties and organizations and their individual opinions, we don't have to subsidize them, and we're not going to repudiate anybody that is trying to take a stand to save America today. I'm going to say that you unify or identify or to seek to cite that any area of the church or that any area of the Christian Defense League acted as the leadership for a military army; that this is not so.

Arlington: A forthright denial. But, does it ring true? Two years ago the Long Beach Press Telegram ran what several police agencies believe to be a highly accurate expose of what has become known as the "Signal Hill Situation". Briefly, the leadership of the American Signal Hill, American Legion Post was virtually captured by a man named William P. Gale, a retired Army Lt. Colonel, and his followers . . . residue from an abortive attempt in the late '50's to set up a para-military organization crudely disguised civil defense measure called . . . "The Rangers." The newspaper described Gale's organization at that time as a secret guerilla group. The State American Legion backed the press report completely and revoked the post's charter.

It is important to an understanding of this report to examine the background and beliefs of the man they say is the top "ranger" . . . "Colonel" . . . or "Reverend" . . . William P. Gale. Let us turn first to a statement Gale gave KLAC News within the last 30 days, in which he denies, as is now heard . . . the very existence of the group he is said to lead. . . .

Gale: At no time was anyone told to get guns, or was at no time an organization of the kind mentioned in the report. In fact, it never did . . . it didn't even get off the ground. It was volunteer civil defense and nothing more. A group was never formed. There was never even a meeting of the "Rangers" as such . . . of this organization that we're talking about here.

Arlington: And in answer to a question about the origin and purpose of the purportedly defunct Rangers, Gale would say only this . . .

Gale: Nothing except that I started it . . . it was an idea for civil defense purposes at that time when civil defense was a problem.

Arlington: Gale's denial . . . measured and calm . . . was repeated only days ago before a committee in Sacramento hearing testimony on new anti-gun legislation based on the Attorney General's para-military report.

This denial, however, appears to clash with information gleaned in an interview with local KKK leader, Connie Lynch. Lynch was being questioned about private armies . . . and dropped the Rangers in the conversation quite prominently . . .

Lynch: Everybody knows that the California Rangers and the Minutemen are to keep . . . to be armed . . . that's understandable.

Arlington: Lynch, incidentally, is reported to be a personal friend of Gale, as is the Reverend Swift.

At this point, we'll let our informant, Agent 13551, point the way to Colonel Gale's contribution toward making the south-

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land a "Hotbed of Hatred". This path was a dangerous one for our man on the inside . . . it began following a meeting of the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian on the night of April 22nd, 1964. He was, although he didn't know it at the time, being admitted to the hard core. He received an invitation to the right-wing equivalent of a Red cell meeting.

Agent 13551: The meeting was held at 233 South LaFayette Park Place in Los Angeles in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton and Elizabeth Wheat. I was taken to that meeting by Mr. Ray York in a white Cadillac. Mr. York explained to me, briefly, on the way in the group that I was to meet . . . their purpose. He sold me three small booklets explaining the hatred for the Jew and also a booklet regarding the Southern Negro.

Arlington: Many of the people our agent met that first night will appear again. Important cogs in the wheel-like structure of the Klan.

There were more meetings . . . many more . . . and our agent was to return many times to the house on LaFayette Park Place. But another popular meeting place of this same hard core was the white stucco house on Fig Avenue in Lancaster, California; the home, the office . . . the headquarters of the Reverend Dr. Wesley A. Swift.

Agent 13551: I was in Dr. Swift's home once a week — every Wednesday night for three months as I was body guard to one of his chief lieutenants, the National Director of CDL, Mr. R. G. Butler. And it was after the regular meeting that the hard core group of the rightist movement on the West Coast got together and planned their itinerary for the following week.

We had occasion to have with us from time to time, people who sold illegal guns for the rightists groups, without the proper registration procedure. In many cases, these weapons were hidden in caves, holes in the ground, where they might be dug up later in what they called defense against communism and against aggression, even by the F.B.I., the Federal forces or the National Guard.

Arlington: At still another hard core huddle at the LaFayette Park Place address in Los Angeles, our agent relates these developments . . .

Agent 13551: The chairman this evening, as always in his residence, Mr. Clinton Wheat. During a private conversation with Mr. Wheat, I learned that he was a member of the KKK by his own words. Just prior to leaving their residence, Mrs. Wheat put a 38 revolver, which was in a holster, in her purse. Mr. Wheat put a 45 Colt automatic in his belt, at the center of his back; and it was at this time that they said that I should procure arms and carry them with me and . . . to protect my home. I then asked where that I might procure such weapons, and they told me that they could get whatever, whenever I wanted any kind of a weapon without any registration. They would be delivered to the residence of the Wheat home. I learned after long association with the rightists groups that it was not wise to ask too many questions and since neither of the Wheats volunteered to tell me how or who, I didn't ask.

Arlington: And for his silence . . . reward. It was at another meeting that Agent 13551 took his biggest chance, and came up with the important other face of reputed Ranger chief Colonel William P. Gale. Our agent concealed a long play tape machine under his coat . . . a machine he says was supplied by an interested law enforcement agency. This never-before-broadcast recording reveals the true feelings of those at the meeting . . . particularly the speaker of the evening . . .

Mr. Wheat: Over the years, we've had various speakers here, and uh, we try to get the good ones back time and time again. So tonight we've got Colonel Gale.

Agent 13551: This is Mr. Clinton Wheat introducing Colonel William P. Gale as the speaker of the evening. This is in the residence, at a regular Friday night meeting, of Clinton Wheat and Elizabeth Wheat at 233 South LaFayette Park Place in Los Angeles.

Colonel Gale: . . . and a white man and a white woman can't have a Negro baby, an Asiatic baby and a white baby. This law is kind begets kind, seed having life in itself. If a white man and a white woman could have a Negro baby, an Asiatic baby and a white baby, you better stop having children because you don't know what you're going to get. This is impossible . . .

it's a violation of divine law, and biologically impossible. So you see, you've been deceived. Now, why do you . . . you say why do we discuss this race question. This race question is a problem today. This is the problem today. Now, let's face it, we're not going to solve it by sticking our heads in the sand. And we're not going to solve it by a set of politicians who want to sell out their race . . . the white race. We're not even going to solve it by a bunch of Negro politicians selling out their black race. The Almighty One has a hand in this. So . . . the racial identity in this book is one of the most important things that you must know today. Because this Bible and the Constitution of the United States belong to the white race. There are no other race of people on the earth that have it. Unless the white man brought it to them.

Now . . . you say . . . well, you're a hate monger and you're a white supremacist or you believe in the supremacy of the white race.

Arlington: Seemingly an all-time high in hatred from the lips of a man who ran for public office once . . . and may run again in California.

Colonel Gale: I'm not telling you what to do, but I'm telling you I'm going to fight. I'm going to fight every way I know how. I'm going to run for political office . . . and that (sic) don't work, I'm going to pick up my gun and get rid of 'em.

Arlington: Our informant's hidden tape recorder picked up an increasing flow of vehement and vicious anti-semitic, anti-Negro vilification . . .

Colonel Gale: You got your Nigger Jews, you got your Asiatic Jews and you got your white Jews. They're all Jews, and they're all the offspring of the Devil. They're all satanic seed planted into the various races on this earth. They are the ones that are agitating the Negroes, stirring them up . . . trying to get them to fight the white man. They preach integration. Hypocrites! They speak it, but they don't do it. And you got a lot of politicians today who are doing just that. They are not qualified to lead your country. You're going to have to get all men . . . sun-crowned men . . . men who stand above this fog to lead your nation, and this is the day to do it. And I say to all of you who know the score . . . go out and run for public office. We got to take it back.

Arlington: Secretly taped testimony from a man who, according to the California Attorney General's report and that of our own undercover informant . . . was . . . and still is . . . a close confidante of extremist leaders in this state and elsewhere. Colonel William Gale has actively promoted the Christian Defense League . . . he was the State Chairman of the Constitution Party in 1957 . . . and its candidate for governor. In 1962 he announced he'd run again for the governor's chair in California, on a platform that called for the abolition of both federal and state income taxes. His name . . . as we have said before . . . has been connected to a position of leadership in the formation of the California Rangers.

Attorney General Lynch: One of the purposes of the Rangers is to build an underground network for the conduct of guerilla warfare. Their training program has been told to us by reliable people to encompass all the different activities which a guerilla force would be called upon to undertake . . . ranging all the way from intelligence to actual combat.

Arlington: As you've heard in the past few minutes, Gale is definitely linked to at least two other extremist factions, both of which can be tied again easily to the Reverend Wesley A. Swift.

Again in the words of Attorney General Thomas Lynch; Gale, Swift and KKK leader, Connie Lynch are linked by a common ideology and leadership . . .

Attorney General Lynch: The teaching and pronouncements of those leaders are largely unchanged, whether delivered from the pulpit or the speaker's platform. Whether in print or on taped messages. And their converts come under their influence without regard for organizational labels. Fundamentally, the ideology propounded by those men is identical in almost all major respects with that of the National States Rights Party. That is, it is violently anti-semitic and anti-Negro, with emphasis placed upon the need for immediate action.

Arlington: But back for a moment to the almost incredible preachings of one-time Army officer and self-anointed pastor of a church he chose to call . . . "the ministry of William P. Gale." Here we hear hatred on a large scale . . . during a question and answer period picked up again by our agent's hidden microphone.

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rophone, Gale lectures on the different types of Jews . . . a supposedly intellectual discussion.

Colonel Gale: The Askanakiz Jew and the Safardic Jew are still Jews. It's just the difference between an Asiatic Jew and a white Jew. That's all. The seed . . . the Jew is your satanic seed planted or species in the different races. There were Asiatic Jews . . . Ben Franklin knew this . . . Ben Franklin wrote a tract saying do not allow the Jews to be citizens in the United States because they are Asiatics. Well, Ben Franklin knew they were Asiatics, but he didn't know the whole truth of this Bible even in his day. Now, the white Jew is in your Safardic line, as the white Jew. Your Askanadiz Jew a more mongrelized amongst the Asiatic and Negroid types even . . . your Hittite Jew, which is your . . . you've seen and heard the expression "well, you turn a Nigger inside out and you've got a Jew".

Arlington: Here in his own words, Gale advocates the removal of all but white Christians from our society by any and all means he deems necessary . . .

Colonel Gale: Run for office . . . and make 'em expose themselves. I want 'em to come out and smear me because they expose themselves every time they do. They will . . . that's fine . . . I'm ready . . . let 'em smear . . . and I think . . . as far as I'm concerned, I think their time is through. I think they'd better get out of the United States of America.

Arlington: Gale, expounding his bitter hate doctrine, went further in this attack on the administration in Washington. . . .

Colonel Gale: The C.I.A. was a planned operation to take all military intelligence out of the hands of the military people. That's exactly what it did. And the reason they got away with it was because in this executive order and establishment of the C.I.A. at the end of the war, they tried to absolve or eliminate criticism of that move by saying, "we will put five retired officers of the Army in the C.I.A. as officials". And it's a Jew controlled intelligence operation in order to take the military intelligence out of the hands of the military officials of the United States and put it in the hands of the Jew-controlled State Department, which has a bunch of traitors in it . . . and I'll say it publicly . . . and I want them to take me to court on it any day.

Arlington: More startling perhaps were his caustic comments about the Pentagon . . .

Colonel Gale: I know where some bodies are buried in that Pentagon because I've been on duty there. In fact, I can show you top-secret documents that prove that the 6,000,000 Jews Hitler was supposed to have killed are right here in America. They're here. And if we run them out of here, they'll go down to South America somewhere and start screaming about how we burned them in gas chambers. I've got two chambers ready for them now . . . two ovens ready for them now.

Arlington: That is the so-called ministry of William P. Gale.

George Lincoln Rockwell: If I'm elected, one of the first things that I will do will be to take what measures I can to get "Martin Luther Coon" indicted . . . for inciting to riot, for promoting a war between the white people and the black people of Virginia, and I have the evidence to prove it. . . . and we'll get them for that. I will institute race instruction in the schools an hour a day to teach the young white boys what a fine heritage they have, and the little black boys how vile they are and how they sprung from practically monkeys over there in Africa. I think that if I work this right and tell them the facts, I think the Negroes are going to wish that they were in any other school but a mixed school . . . they'll want to go back to their nice little "coon" school where it's peaceful and quiet and they can have some self respect.

Arlington: That short speech might warm the heart of a colonel turned minister . . . turned politician . . . like William Gale. Actually, it's the campaign cry of another ex-military man seeking public office . . . George Lincoln Rockwell . . . former Navy commander . . . erstwhile führer of the American Nazi Party . . . and candidate for the governorship of the State of Virginia. Rockwell made the statement in an exclusive interview with KLAC News at his shabby West Coast headquarters on Colorado Boulevard in Glendale.

The sad, sorry . . . sometimes almost comic antics of Rockwell's self-styled Nazis in Southern California and elsewhere

are well-known . . . a band of boy beatniks . . . sometimes dressed in a semblance of the brown-shirted German goose-steppers of the 1930's . . . flaunting their race hate with swastikas and vile picket signs at every opportunity. However, we will find that even Rockwell's egotistic tendencies bow to the promise of gaining membership and camaraderie in the brotherhood of the Klan. As you'll hear in minutes, Rockwell can be tied directly to the men at the top of the Christian Defense League . . . the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian . . . and the Ku Klux Klan. Rockwell admits he's in favor of unifying right wing extremist organizations. Here's how he put his case:

Rockwell: The only people that have any unity are the Niggers and the Jews. When one Nigger meets another Nigger, the first thing he thinks is . . . there's a brother Nigger . . . and when another Jew meets another Jew, that's the first thing they think. The first thing two white men on the right wing think is . . . that's a Bircher . . . or he's a Nazi . . . and the hell with him. And I think this is why we're getting whipped. We're very grateful to the John Birch Society . . . It's sort of like a Hitler Youth. . . . The John Birch Society is a Bloomer Girl Nazis. They get 'em trained and when they get disgusted with that panty-waist business, they come to us.

Arlington: Incidentally, when extremism is discussed with extremists . . . the subject of the John Birch Society invariably comes up. Reaction ranges from Rockwell's theatrical derision to reserved admiration from those groups controlled or influenced by the Reverend Wesley Swift.

In our lengthy investigation, KLAC News was unable to establish any direct link between the Birch Society and the extremist organizations studied. However, most of the hard-core far right groups admit to sharing some members with the Birchers. But back to the Nazis and George Lincoln Rockwell. The best estimate our sources can agree upon is about 50 admitted members or sympathizers within the Nazi fold in California. Among law enforcement people, however, whenever this minute figure is brought up, they caution that it is generally believed that Adolph Hitler brought the world to its knees with an initial nucleus of seven men . . . and further . . . Rockwell has grudging admiration from many extremist leaders. About Rockwell's associations with other extremist groups, he admittedly says "they vary" . . .

Rockwell: At one time I did have association with the Black Muslims because they wanted to go back to Africa, and any "coon" that wants to go back to Africa, I'd carry him piggy-back. So I did have an association with them, but now they don't want to go back to Africa. . . . now they want this place. So now there is no association between me and any of those groups. Most of them are way off the beam. . . . The Minutemen with their great big arsenals, that won't fight; the Muslims that have turned Red, and that want to shoot me. I certainly don't want to associate with them; the NSRP, I'm suing him in Federal Court. Edward Fields has called me a criminal and a crook and everything else and has tried to get me run out of business. The only guy on the whole list that you've named that I pretty much go along with is Wesley Swift . . . he's a pretty courageous and a pretty good guy.

Arlington: Supposedly no American Nazi Party love is lost on any group other than Dr. Swift and his Christian Defense League and his Church of Jesus Christ-Christian. . . . and, KLAC News well understood Rockwell's attitude toward the wily Wesley Swift. We have exclusive information, fully substantiated by police reports, that Swift and Rockwell, in the company of other extremists, met secretly at least once, perhaps several times — to set the stage for what is, for all intents and purposes . . . a plan of consolidation . . . to outline the various roles to be played . . . the assignments to be carried out when and if the fateful Klan-predicted race war gives them their cue to burst on-stage as saviors of the white race. And with the leadership . . . listening . . . learning . . . was our secret informer . . . Agent 13551. . . .

Agent 13551: This is June the 10th, 1964, the night of the merger between Lincoln Rockwell of the American Nazi Party and Dr. Wesley A. Swift of the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian. This took place, beginning at midnight and lasted until after 3:00 A.M. Those present: Lincoln Rockwell, National Commander of the American Nazi Party, and his West Coast Commander, Ralph Forbes; there was Dr. Wesley A. Swift, his bodyguard named Duke; Mr. R. G. Butler of the Christian Defense League;

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and myself; there was Tom Neal Boyd and there was Colonel William P. Gale of the California Rangers, the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian and the Christian Defense League. Also Dr. H. E. Burroughs, in whose residence in Reseda that we met. The main subject of this meeting was a merger for the purpose of exchanging and compiling intelligence information; to make and to keep an up-to-date roster of agents, double-agents and other informers; to exchange purpose and views of matters as they pertained to each separate right-wing organization; to have a meeting of all heads of all right-wing organizations in this area for the purpose of forming an arbitrary head for matters which might tend to effect all groups in publicity and social levels.

Arlington: In this testimony, a new name cropped up as right-wing history was being made . . . the man in whose home the consolidation conference took place . . . veterinarian Harold Burroughs. Let's look at the part played by this man . . . his link in the chain of command. Burroughs first came to our agent's attention while attempting to further solidify his association with the Ku Klax Klan in California. To learn more, our informant sent a special letter to a man in the Klan in the South. By his own records, the date was April 29th, 1964 . . .

Agent 13551: This letter went to the "March on Congress," the National Headquarters, in Atlanta, Georgia, to a Mr. Crews, who was the secretary of this rightist group. In turn, I was at a meeting at 233 South Lafayette Park Place in Los Angeles one evening and this letter was mentioned to me as having been received by a person known to be the leader of Los Angeles' Ku Klux Klan group. This man is Harold Burroughs, doctor, veterinarian, of Reseda.

Arlington: And . . . it was only a month later, at another hard-core cell meeting, that our informer said he came his closest to getting KKK membership in California.

Agent 13551: It was at this time that I was introduced to Dr. Harold Burroughs. I told Dr. Burroughs, the biggest aim in my life at this time was to become a member of the Ku Klux Klan in California, and he says "you may be closer to the Klan at this moment than you know." He says "however, perhaps you don't know it, but the Klan is outlawed in the State of California . . . however, we do have such workings of the Klan . . . we do have members that are initiated into the Knighthood, but not under the name of a Klan group." "Now does it make any difference to you whether you are initiated into the Knighthood of something other than the Klan as long as the workings are the same?" And I said, no, it did not. He said "sometime in the early Spring there will be an initiation in Los Angeles County."

Arlington: The man our agent says was definitely linked to the Klan . . . Harold Burroughs, is . . . according to our man's testimony . . . a security guard within the Christian Defense League.

At three meetings of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian in Hollywood . . . attended by the KLAC investigative team . . . Burroughs acted as usher in the outer vestibule; on two occasions exhibited a somewhat menacing attitude when we attempted to interview the pastor . . . Dr. Wesley Swift. Swift, while denying any association with the Klan, and refuting the Attorney General's report and magazine references to his younger days with the Klan element . . . exhibits no dislike for their activities. In fact, in the middle of a highly-charged political sermon on the night of Friday, April 30th in Hollywood, Swift made the following reference to the Alabama court trial of three klansmen suspected of slaying Detroit civil rights worker, Mrs. Viola Liuzzo . . .

Swift: I noticed the newspapers were crying at a trial back in the Alabama country. They were very, very unhappy because as the so-called candidates for trial came up, why the judge rushed out and shook them all by hand and he also said to Mr. Shelton, "My, I'm glad to see you. I've heard a lot about you, but I haven't had a chance to meet you." And they shook hands and then the Prosecutor came out and he shook hands with each one of the people charged and he said, "I knew your pappy," and "I knew your pappy," and he says "It's sure nice to get together." He says, "you're nice fellows." I might suggest that the verdict is not guilty.

Arlington: Swift's grinning prophecy, which brought loud laugh-

ter from his parishioners, was partly borne out. The first of the accused klansmen is free today, but must stand trial once again. It is believed to have caused considerable consternation in extremist circles, however, when it was found that only 2 of the 10 Alabama jurors voted to acquit.

Looking to another of Swift's close associates, we move into the San Bernardino area, where a plasterer named Neumann Britton holds sway in the Christian Defense League and conducts informal services as an ordained minister of the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian. Britton is also San Bernardino County Chairman of the anti-semitic, anti-Negro National States Rights Party.

Neumann Britton: It's a fine, loyal, patriotic American political party. I belong also to the Christian Defense League, which is a fine patriotic American organization, and that's about all the organizations I belong to.

Arlington: The words of Neumann Britton, who with his brother, Rufus, is generally regarded as the center of hard-core extremism in the inland empire. It is interesting to note, when the KLAC News team called at the Britton home on Amana Street in San Bernardino, we found him with a house guest . . . KKK fire-brand, Connie Lynch.

Through reliable sources, we learned that Britton's residence is Lynch's permanent West Coast address. Britton, although ostensibly not a member of the Klan, didn't hesitate to explain and defend its activities . . .

Britton: We must understand the background of the reason why even the Klan is becoming active. If you recall, in the few days after the inauguration of Johnson when Kennedy was killed, he entertained at the White House and he conferred with all the leading so-called civil rights groups . . . all the Nigger groups. He had them in for conferences and dinners . . . and Martin Luther King and Farmer and Urban League and all these organizations. We wonder what kind of a president we have got. See. That's the reason why the unrest is in the South, because they can see in it a design of non-white domination. And certainly there is a problem in the South. In many areas there's lot more than half the population are Negro and it's very easy to visualize that all your officials of the area could become Negro . . . and we know that . . . their base nature and when you let them loose, vengeance rises up in their heart . . . they don't think like white people. We . . . uh . . . in America . . . are going to understand this. And it may be uh . . . uh . . . the hard way . . . it may be the hard way. If you people continue in the trend in which we are going, you are going to learn the hard way what really Nigger rule is going to mean in America.

Arlington: The question of who really rules the National States Rights Party roost here in the West now is somewhat up in the air. Britton admittedly is only a county chairman, and a violent incident involving himself, comrade and klansman, Connie Lynch, and other then uniformed members of the NSRP brought the party's activities to a sudden halt, when in February of 1963 Britton and his brother, Rufus, and Lynch ran afoul of the law.

They reportedly fought with a group of high school boys, and according to police, Neumann Britton pulled an air pistol and shot one of the youths several times. After that, Lynch was removed as state NSRP chieftain by its National Director, Edward R. Fields, and until recently, the party has been without an official statewide organizer.

Just recently, Fields set up one Terrell Ronald Eddy of Poway . . . in the high desert outside San Diego as California State Chairman. Eddy now tells KLAC that he, too, has broken with the party hierarchy.

Terrell Ronald Eddy: I got tired of some of the things that were going on from our national headquarters. It wasn't being run to the best use that the party could have been put to, and I couldn't handle the work any longer . . . I have a family and too many other responsibilities . . . it was just more than I could handle.

Arlington: But here again . . . evidence that organizational strife has little effect on the beliefs of the fellow-travelers of the right . . .

Eddy: Hate is a mutual thing. There are some things I do hate, and there are certain people that I hate. I'm free to admit that. Hate means rejection . . . and I do reject them and their ideas; and I think they can be safely said to hate us just as well. I

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would include certain Negro organizations and certain Jewish organizations as well.

Hington: Eddy believes the citizenry has every right to become a vigilante force . . . to take the law into its own hands during racial strife . . .

Ddy: I'd rather have somebody else's blood shed than my own, and I'm not going to sit in my home like a trussed-up turkey and be taken apart by a mob that may get unruly. And I consider it much better that I have neighbors that are willing to participate with me in protecting my household.

Hington: And . . . in a round the barn reference to charges that the NSRP is . . . or could be, the greatest danger on the right in America . . . Eddy as much as admits it might be true.

Ddy: We're certainly not dangerous to our own people. We don't intend to hurt any white people. We don't intend to hurt any Negroes, providing that they are peaceful and obey the law.

Hington: The racial philosophy . . . and the admitted political and military ambitions of the National States Rights Party appear to be the same today as in post-World War II Georgia when its founding organization, the Columbians, plotted to take over the government of the Peach State. California Attorney General, Thomas Lynch, put great emphasis on these Columbians in his recent report on the para-military tendencies of the National States Rights Party . . .

Tty. Gen. Lynch: The Columbians, not to be confused, of course, with the Knights of Columbus, it should be remembered were not just another hate group of agitators. They were a band of insurrectionists engaged in a conspiracy to violently overthrow the government of the State of Georgia. And it is of no small significance that the symbol of the NSRP was borrowed directly from these Columbians.

Arlington: Another note of interest . . . a seldom seen flag hangs in the Reverend Wesley Swift's Church of Jesus Christ Christians. It encompasses the symbol of those same Columbians . . . and the present day National States Rights Party . . . the thunderbolt.

Also, headquartered in the San Diego area are the California Minutemen, by their own admission a secret underground operation, and another organization that wears Reverend Wesley Swift's brand of patriotism.

Wift: There is absolutely nothing . . . not one little iota of constitutional foundation for attack against patriots that were banded together to defend themselves or defend America, as was the Minutemen. Get this clear . . . we do not belong to the Minutemen, but the Minutemen as an organization was organized to defend America. Not to overthrow it, but to defend it!

Arlington: Swift . . . again as earlier . . . denies any direct association with the Minutemen, but KLAC's informant attended several hard-core extremist meetings . . . at which he rubbed elbows with Minutemen and members of Swift's Christian Defense League.

More on that in a moment . . . As to the Minutemen themselves, the Attorney General's report says . . .

Tty. Gen. Lynch: The Minutemen organization is designed to function as a secret underground network. Its routine operations in these times of peace are conducted along the lines of a training program for hostilities to come. Each member is assigned a number . . . which becomes his identification in all communications. He's warned about the use of the telephone in contacting headquarters, he's advised in the use of mail-drops, he's warned to use two envelopes in organization correspondence, and even to place an opaque material between the inner and outer envelopes to prevent the letter from being read by means of infra-red cameras, if that can be done. And he's instructed to employ a wide variety of strategems and devices as so-called security measures. However, it is the training of the members as a guerilla force that represents the gravest potential danger in this organization.

Arlington: The West Coast leader of the Minutemen, Troy Haughton, gives the Attorney General an argument about the label "private army" . . .

Troy Haughton: It is . . . shall we say a private organization, it's not a guerilla type of organization or private army, per se. A private army is constituted and classified as a group of people that meet regularly, that wear a uniform, or issue a rifle or given conventional military training or paid, etc. None of



"Now I lay me down to hate; I pray we won't miscegenate . . . for we alone are pure and white, while the rest of man is but a blight!"

these things can be classified concerning the Minutemen organization.

Arlington: We quote from a Minuteman handbook . . . "Carbines and submachine guns should be carried in the group's supply and issued only for special missions." Another paragraph of the same manual begins . . . "The mortar is one of the best light weight heavy fire weapons available to insurgent or guerilla forces and all heavy fire power should be based around the use of the mortar."

Arlington: Still a third directive reads . . . "rocket launchers or bazookas are a very good and desirable item . . ."

This would appear to give the lie to one of Haughton's contentions that the Minutemen get no military training.

As for the line about not holding regular meetings . . . their own literature tells why . . . and we quote . . . "To limit penetration by non-members . . . this organization is divided into small groups which operate with a minimum contact with other groups."

Contained in the December 15th issue of the "Minutemen News" is another telling paragraph about the fears . . . and goals . . . of the group. "We are making good use of the proven military axiom . . . the best defense is a good offense." It continues . . . "the bomb shelters which we are building are not merely holes to hide in. Each one is being well camouflaged, stocked and fortified to serve as a center of resistance for a future underground army."

It is significant, we believe, to note that Minutemen publications use "we" in referring to the organization . . . and often refer to policies of uniformly equipping the organization with tools to . . . and we quote . . . "destroy troops of any foreign power that might occupy United States territory."

Despite his own publications, Haughton insists on turning another face to the public . . .

Haughton: The organization as such does not own a darn piece of equipment. Anything that is owned is owned by an individual and is bought as an individual and is owned as such. We do

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not own anything except for material in the offices. As we have stated publicly and privately, we suggest that they stay 110% legal and so any weapons that they would own could be used for going out and shooting a deer in the hunting season, or a bird over a duck lake or something of this nature.

Arlington: KLAC's man on the inside . . . Agent 13551, met one of the Minutemen's duck hunters . . . the occasion — after another secret hard-core-extremist get-together.

Agent 13551: After the meeting we stopped at the corner of Riverside Drive and Los Feliz Boulevard where we met the Minuteman, Jim Mitchell.

Arlington: The name, Mitchell, incidentally, is listed by police intelligence records as an alias for Willard Nobel Holstine . . . arrested in Burbank in June of 1964 with a companion, Joseph Raymond Carey, both self-admitted Minutemen. They were found to be in possession of illegal weapons.

Agent 13551: Mr. Jim Mitchell was looking for a partner to go into the hills north of Los Angeles to help build a bunker to store his horde of guns and ammunition, medical supplies, water and food. He expected an all-out battle to start in September of 1964. He says he sleeps with two carbines and 1500 rounds of ammunition by his bed; that he has recently ordered medical supplies; aspirin in bottles of 1000, Terramycin and Streptomycin. He could have ordered 2 submachine guns and grenades if he had had a place to store them. He, Jim Mitchell, knows where howitzers are hidden in readiness to be put into position. He knows where a field hospital is in completeness and readiness.

Arlington: The West Coast Minuteman leader, Troy Haughton, who insists . . . he says . . . that members remain 110% legal, was caught by our microphones admitting that he, himself, acted illegally . . . infiltrating the United States armed forces; impersonating a military officer during last summer's gigantic mock war in the Arizona-California-Nevada deserts . . . Operation Desert Strike" . . .

Haughton: I, myself, happened to be down in the desert at the time and looked around . . . it was quite interesting. I, myself, shall we say had a couple of bars on my shoulder, and was a mythical colonel, so to speak, of one reserve unit that came down for the uh . . . operation. I had a jeep that was assigned to me . . .

Arlington: . . . at Operation Desert Strike?

Haughton: I got quite a bit of stuff. His confidential telephone lists . . . you name it, boy . . . that was given to me . . . tie it all in.

Arlington: In other words, I could have donned the uniform . . . put on a . . .

Haughton: . . . no . . .

Arlington: . . . no? . . . How could you then?

Haughton: Well, I just had reserve units available to me. I had friends and members that are in charge of reserve units and I went along as such.

Arlington: Actually, you weren't a member of the reserve unit.

Haughton: . . . no . . .

Arlington: . . . but you went along, posing as such, in a sense . . . and this posed no problem? You were able to get right in with the rest of the troops?

Haughton: Oh yes, I had a jeep and a driver . . .

Arlington: . . . assigned to you?

Haughton: yeah . . .

Arlington: . . . and they thought you, of course, were a regular reserve?

Haughton: . . . sure, I was a reserve officer observer . . . seeing what would be done in case of a dry, humid climate type of operation.

Arlington: Well, now were there others of your organization in the same type of an infiltration during this operation?

Haughton: Oh, I would say that we had quite a few jeeps around . . . maybe even a half-track or two.

Arlington: Minuteman, Troy Haughton . . . with a never before heard secret admission that his organization has been able to infiltrate and recruit within the legal military ranks of the U.S. Army and National Guard.

Haughton: There is members, say of a tank battalion reserve unit in Los Angeles. OK, they have an underground unit within their own reserve unit. They are not called Minutemen, but in

fact the head of the organization of this underground unit and reserve unit, is a member of our organization. He in turn, contacts and controls 40 people in the reserve unit. They are not members, per se, of the Minutemen.

Arlington: These revelations have struck deep into the authorized military command of the State of California. Their repercussions will be felt very soon . . . perhaps first in the State Legislature.

While the Minutemen openly arm themselves . . . as Haughton insists . . . on an individual basis . . . the man who claims to hold no membership in this organization has long been rumored to possess the largest personal arsenal in Southern California . . . under the guise of a gun collection. He is the aforementioned Dr. Wesley Albert Swift . . . pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian and founder-director of the Christian Defense League. According to reliable KLAC News sources, Swift and/or members of his immediate family have purchased upward of 200 operable weapons — most of them hand guns, in recent years.

Our under cover infiltrator says he's seen Swift in possession of a concealed weapon . . . and a riot-type shotgun . . . and further, in fact he recalls a discussion between himself and Swift at the Desert Inn in Lancaster last Spring . . .

Agent 13551: We proceeded to order our dinners and the conversation got down to ammunition, guns and the procuring of such. Dr. Swift said that there had been 150 semi-automatics ordered; that 6 of these were ear-marked for him, personally; that all that was necessary to make these weapons automatic was the pulling out of a pin, and that pin had to be kept so that it could be re-inserted; and therefore, be in keeping with the laws of automatic weapons in the State of California.

Arlington: Another so-called weapons collector . . . and a member of Swift's Christian Defense League . . . is William H. Garland of Cucamonga . . . currently awaiting trial for possession of illegal weapons.

On the premises at Garland's ramshackle, junk-cluttered residence, authorities recently seized a sizeable armory of death-dealing armament and explosives. In the house, officers found 8 machine guns . . . 6 of them in working order . . . and nearly 100 other rifles, shotguns and pistols.

Garland's barn was being used as an ammunition dump for heavy caliber rockets . . . bombs . . . high volatile chemicals and thousands of rounds of ammunition. Neither Garland nor his wife would talk about his up-coming trial or, in fact, his associations after our news team got by two huge dogs guarding the property. Although Garland hedged on an interview . . . then flatly refused . . . we kept our tape machine running in the car . . .

Wm. H. Garland: They're out to crucify me . . . so . . . I mean . . . I can't make any statement. Everybody knows how I feel. And . . . all you've got to do is go by what your National Rifleman feels. You go out here and your National Rifleman . . . in these clubs here . . . they've had . . . uh . . . uh . . . so numerous many of these communist laws come out to disarm the people. And the communists know — just the same as they do in Czechoslovakia and Poland that if they . . . uh . . . that they'll never take this country over unless they disarm each household as a unit because there's nobody that will give up their house until the last drop of blood that's got any sense.

Arlington: Another member of the Christian Defense League interviewed was Mrs. George Klenck of Ontario. She is one of three women we have been able to determine as active in extremist circles. Another . . . Swift's secretary . . . the third . . . his wife.

Although Dr. Swift's parishioners are predominantly women, few if any seem to take any part in his activities. Doris Klenck is . . . or was until recently . . . an area chairman for the Christian Defense League in the Ontario-Upland area. The mother of a teenage daughter and young son, she gained a degree of notoriety recently when newspapers spotlighted her activities in distributing what is called the "Christian Buyers Guide" . . . a method of urging a boycott against all but white Christian merchants.

Intelligence sources indicate that Mrs. Klenck has not been indoctrinated into the hard-core extremist group within the Christian Defense League . . . but is an avid advocate of white supremacy. When questioned, however, she chose to become reluctant in her replies to the direct questions.

Mrs. Klenck: I am proud of my race. We have done a great deal

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throughout the centuries. Is there something wrong with that? Why should I be ashamed? I am not ashamed. I'm proud of it. They're out to destroy us . . . one way or another . . .

Arlington: Who's they, now?

Mrs. Klenck: You know . . . I think . . .

Arlington: Well now, are you talking about the Negro . . . the Jew . . . the Catholic . . . a combination of all three, or what?

Mrs. Klenck: Oh no, sir, not a combination . . . the anti-Christ.

Arlington: Those who do not believe . . .

Mrs. Klenck: That's right . . . they've destroyed Christianity all over the world.

Arlington: Asked specifically what the anti-Christ's current activities were . . . Mrs. Klenck had this to say . . .

Mrs. Klenck: They're trying . . . actually the purpose is to disarm this nation. They're trying to discourage anyone who will oppose their plans.

Arlington: By they, you mean the government . . . the leaders . . .?

Mrs. Klenck: I have no comment on that, sir.

Arlington: And . . . she had no comment on whether she was even a member of the Christian Defense League . . .

Are you or your family a member of any of the groups that we have mentioned today here?

Mrs. Klenck: No comment.

Arlington: Despite the "no comment" . . . as late as August 6th, 1964, a publication called "From the Mailbox" and mailed to subscribers of the Christian Defense League Buyer's Guide was signed Mr. and Mrs. George Klenck . . . representatives of the Christian Defense League.

The symbol of the Christian Defense League is a blue and gold shield on which is emblazoned a scarlet star-encircled cross. The symbol of the Ku Klux Klan is the burning cross . . . and here in the southland the Klan, California Style . . . may be ready to resume the tactic of terror by fire.

KLAC's undercover agent 13551, still undetected . . . still on the job . . . attends another meeting. On the night of June 3rd, 1964, in the company with Christian Defense League Director, R. G. Butler, our man was headed for the weekly Wednesday night Bibly study meeting of the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian at the Reverend Swift's headquarters in Lancaster.

Agent 13551: While enroute, Mr. Butler went by Reseda and picked up Dr. H. E. Burroughs, so the three of us proceeded along the Golden State Freeway toward Lancaster. It was Mr. Burroughs that said he would like to see a burning cross on top of that mountain. Mr. Butler then said he has seen a 40-foot cross burned in Montgomery, Alabama; that the cross had been made in such a way, with re-enforced metal and wrapped with burlap, so that it would burn for hours. So I, in my most antagonistic manner, said to the two "let's do it." To this, Burroughs said "we need 5000 Klansmen," and I said "if we haven't got that many, let's import them." Burroughs answered "we don't have that many now, but we will have soon enough, now that the election is over and our men will be returning to their Christian Defense League work. Then he turned to Butler and said "this guy" (referring to me) "is ready to become a Klansman."

Arlington: When the trio arrived in Lancaster, our agent found himself in strange company at Swift's Bible study meeting . . .

Agent 13551: Those present included three ex-Baptist ministers, there was Colonel William P. Gale, there was also, invariably, the man who has cut the pages of the Bible so that he will have a place to carry his 38 snub-nose. He actually hollowed out a place in the Holy Testament to carry a pistol. This evening, he was wearing a Boy Scout of America shirt.

Arlington: Our documented report has now arrived back at its beginning . . . at the doorstep of the Reverend Wesley A. Swift . . . where race hate and religious intolerance . . . where the advocacy of violence and sedition find not only entry . . . but shelter, sympathy and nourishment. From his ultra-modern studios in Lancaster, Swift's organization disseminates his racial supremacy message by tape recording all across the country . . . and as he himself says . . . to other countries of the world as well. He says his tapes are heard by two million people.

If such is the case . . . and if his listeners respond to his call to arms . . . Swift might well be able to marshall a veritable army of extremists.

If there is any doubt that Swift is far to the right of conservatism . . . we offer the following harangue against the activities of then presidential candidate Barry Goldwater . . .

Swift: The other day Barry Goldwater repudiated the John Birch Society, he repudiated the Minutemen, he repudiated the Ku Klux Klan and he repudiated all the extreme right-wing organizations. Don't forget that. Well, they were worried about these institutions and organizations because they said their people are ultimately reactionary and might at any time seek to use their arms, if their leaders gave them the right signal, to establish what they call "America's Destiny" and they said this is deadly and dangerous and would upset the whole world program. So, they set up a symposium of how to go about this and with certain military representatives that McNamara sent from the Pentagon with international Jewry and financial institutions behind it; with representatives of the Anti-Defamation League, B'nai Brith and all the conspiratorial anti-Christian forces and with a whole group of left wing name-known communists all participating . . . and the speaker at this symposium and this program of organization was none other than one of the acting secretaries of the Soviet Embassy. And they laid out the blueprint for surrounding . . . as we have told you . . . 5 northern states right after election . . . for the sealing off of these states and the disarming of every citizen to be followed by a general program of major disarmament. Now, that was supposed to be secret . . . it wasn't supposed to be known and nothing was supposed to be done about it until after the election, except the building up of this organization. Well, now, the whistle's blown . . . all the way across the nation, the tapes have gone . . . all the way across the nation, the bulletins are being spread . . . and across the nation others have picked up the story. And as reports and as digests and as the news circulates, there is no way to keep this conspiracy secret anymore. Now, not only American sportsmen and all of the patriotic movements and organizations know this is being planned, but when they start out to find those guns, they are going to suddenly discover that they are all gone. Unless, my friends, a civilian population decides it's late enough and suddenly they're all discovered quickly.

Arlington: State Attorney General, Thomas Lynch, along with his original 79-page documented report to the Legislature on private armies submitted a cover letter to State Senator Eugene McAteer, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, in which he says . . .

Atty. Gen. Lynch: The report clearly shows the threat to the peace and security of our state, which is posed by the existence of these groups. They embrace violent racial and political doctrines . . . they have lost faith in our system of government, and they continually plot armed activity while they are skirting almost outright sedition.

Arlington: The Reverend Wesley Swift cannot deny that he has lost faith . . .

Swift: I think it's time for the peoples of these United States to impeach the Supreme Court and the President and select those that will take their place until candidates that are worthy of the name "Christian American" can be found.

Arlington: Swift minces no words . . . makes no bones about his feelings toward the current civil rights struggle . . .

Swift: I think that we have never had a more complete phony . . . and yet he is a master at organization in his own field . . . and that is Martin Luther King . . . communist-trained and oriented, with his so-called Christian Leadership Conference, actually a front-stooge, hiding behind emblematic Christianity and at the same time, actually purporting to direct an area of battle for civil rights, which is a Negro revolution closely co-ordinated with Red activity.

Arlington: Swift takes every opportunity, often digressing from his political topics, to deride the Negro . . .

Swift: There isn't any real African history. The only Negroes that we can find in Africa that there is anything to be said about, are those who were buried in the Caves of Kilimanjaro 73,000 years ago. If it wasn't for radio carbon, we wouldn't know how long ago since they were put there. There is down in Africa in one area of jungle the remnants of what looks like what was a beautiful civilization, for its Corinthian columns and its beautiful marble is still . . . some of it still sticking above the swamp that it has sunk in. But when someone finally (sic) in archeological designs (sic) discovered what this was, somehow, somewhere, a bunch of Greeks got down there, because the

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words are in Greek across the top of the frieze of the building. So, don't let anyone tell you that the Negroes built those Corinthian columns in that beautiful ruins because I can tell you that whenever the Negroes start talking Greek, my friend, that'll be a new day.

Arlington: And the targets for his attacks are not only Negroes. A year ago this month, while addressing his congregation in Hollywood, Swift took out after KLAC's Joe Pyne, and his Saturday TV program . . .

Swift: Several have asked about the broadcast that took place last night. In fact, just the day before, a call was given to the Christian Defense League to send down Mr. Butler, the national director, to discuss on channel 11, Joe Pyne's program, civil rights . . . civil rights issues. But this was just a Jew-trap, because they didn't intend to talk about civil rights issues as they proved. I can tell you something else about these call-in programs, too. When they deal with some issue that the ADL and the Jewry and the liberals want to keep in a certain channel, they don't take any outside calls . . . and the calls they have are all set up and everything they say is all planned for.

Arlington: Personal checks with the management of both KLAC and KTTV have brought denials that any calls on either the Joe Pyne radio or TV programs are planned or propped.

At this point, Swift landed on Pyne, personally. Pyne, incidentally, is what Swift would normally term a "white-Christian."

Swift: . . . and they had stated you can't show anything in the Bible that calls for Christians to be apart and separated from these other races and other religions. Now when he read this from the Apostle Paul, this half-kike turned and said now "I think you're mis-interpreting that whole passage . . . now, I get out of that passage that it's just talking about idol worshippers somewhere."

Arlington: The message of the man of the top of the hatred heap . . . the Reverend Wesley A. Swift.

Attorney General Thomas Lynch, as you have heard, says these hate groups appear to be ready to take the law into their own hands to accomplish their insistence on racial separation, or in some cases, racial liquidation . . . and . . . he says, there is an urgency in their creed that indicates action might be imminent. Our opinion of the people involved in this Hotbed of Hatred is that their paranoid tendencies are, for now, channeled into words instead of action. But, they are armed . . . and the traffic in guns within these hate groups is terrific. It is believed that their efforts are being aided and abetted by a few unscrupulous gun dealers and publications, who will advertise and sell almost any weapon imaginable to anyone, for any price. An example is the recent police raid on two truckloads of arms and ammunition parked on a street in the Eagle Rock section of Los Angeles. Among the legal weapons were found two obviously illegal, fully-automatic weapons . . . and several operable pieces of light artillery. Police were at a loss to explain what any private citizen would be doing with a mortar or a .20 millimeter cannon. Police were also skeptical of the long-experienced gun dealer's explanation that he wasn't aware that he had illegal weapons in his possession.

At the time of this arrest . . . it was learned that the gun dealer in question had been an associate of Keith Dwayne Gilbert . . . fugitive Minuteman, suspected by police of the theft of 1400 pounds of dynamite from a Sylmar storage magazine earlier this year. They are also seeking Gilbert for questioning about a telephone threat against the life of Negro leader, Martin Luther King, the same day the dynamite was stolen.

Gilbert, although now denounced by the Minutemen, is known to have violent anti-Negro tendencies. He stands convicted of an un-provoked club and gun attack on a Negro motorist last September at the intersection of Sunset and La Brea in Hollywood.

Arlington: And one need not purchase their illegal and war-like weapons from traveling gun dealers . . . or under the counter from gun stores or peace officers. With a little ingenuity and a penchant for intrigue, it's no more difficult to make yourself a Thompson sub-machine gun than to construct a hi-fi set at home. The parts are all available . . . with schematic drawings, if you please . . . advertised in various gun publications. Also available by mail, still in their original crates, are special

anti-tank cannons, field and trench mortars, bazookas, and the means and instructions for converting various conventional single shot or semi-automatic weapons into full, illegal, automatic and rapid-fire type weapons.

In a particular gun publication dated this past Sunday, there are numerous rifles similar to the one used to assassinate President Kennedy. That same 64-page publication carries several advertisements for Nazi memorabilia . . . including a half-page picture ad of various authentic Nazi medals, badges, shields, arm bands and other . . . quote . . . "nifty surprise gifts!"

The Kennedy assassination proved a traumatic event for American hate groups on both the right and left. Here in California, extremists found out for the first time that they were being closely watched. Dr. Wesley Swift used method after method to avoid an interview with KLAC News, but we found his own testimony on the assassination incident in a radio broadcast!

Swift: Law enforcement agencies have been giving no publicity to one of the most diabolical, conspiratorial processes of harassment that has ever been known in sight of Christianity in America. While the eyes of the nation are on Washington, these functions are being carried out in this state and in other parts of the country. Suppose I tell you that officers folded in a respectable rancher, Christian of our congregation in Lancaster . . . hit him at 10:00 at night on Friday . . . to demand where he was when the President was assassinated.

Arlington: And in this light, it should be noted how Swift's ministry interpreted the assassination when it was revealed that Lee Harvey Oswald was discovered to have been a communist . . .

Swift: . . . surrounded by left-wing liberals who computed they had used about all they could of the usefulness of the President to accomplish their objective, they decided they were through with him. But their design was not only to wage war against the right-wing and against churches and against Christians; but also, at the same time to start a anti-gun legislation wave to disarm all America at the same time with emotional irresponsibility.

Arlington: Swift's church is not, we've found, the only source of extremist thought, but is generally regarded by those of the Klan mentality to be purest . . . the very gospel. His mixture of biblical and historical distortion . . . fortune-telling and star-gazing, coupled with a smattering of legitimate conservative politics, and rolled from a silver tongue has become, as we said earlier . . . the fountainhead for extremist thought and action in California.

Late in our probe, KLAC News talked with Attorney General Thomas Lynch at length about anti-gun legislation that he is now sponsoring . . .

Arlington: Many of these people with whom we have spoken, say that you . . . your department, law-enforcement in general are endeavoring to disarm the public for what they call some sort of a "communist take-over from within." Will you set us straight on that?

Atty. Gen. Lynch: We have no desire to disarm anybody, and we don't believe that there is any "communist take-over from within." This is the philosophical approach, if we want to call it that, of some of these people. Let me add to that . . . that there are ample means in the United States to see to it that the communists or anyone else cannot take over this country. We have our own law-enforcement groups, which have been selected by the people, and are not self-appointed. And we also have our tremendous military organization, which of course, is the finest in the world.

Arlington: They seem to disagree with you on many of these points . . . some of these people with whom we have spoken. They don't have the confidence that they should have in the United States government . . . in law enforcement . . . and I guess it's for that reason that they feel they should be armed to the hilt and ready to take over on the drop of a hat. This is a dangerous situation, isn't it?

Atty. Gen. Lynch: There isn't any question about it. It's a dangerous situation, and while they may not have any confidence in the duly organized law-enforcement and military powers of the United States, let me add a paragraph to that. I have no confidence in them.

Arlington: Attorney General Lynch, do you feel that the threat as it now stands to the State of California and to the nation is

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greater, let us say, from these groups than it was five, ten, twenty years ago?

Att. Gen. Lynch: Well, I think it is, because there are more of these groups. I can recall, going back many years ago when the Ku Klux Klan, for example, was extremely strong in California, both in Southern and Northern California. Most of this activity seemed to die out for a great number of years, and whereas we had one organization like the Klan, today we have a half a dozen and they seem to be competing with each other in the business of hatred.

Arlington: And finally, the crux of our interview with the Attorney General, the question of going too far with anti-gun legislation . . .

Arlington: Attorney General Lynch, this legislation that you would like to see passed . . . how would this effect the private citizen who likes to fire a rifle or a pistol on the range, or who is a hunter or huntsman?

Atty. Gen. Lynch: It wouldn't effect them in the slightest degree. It's only aimed at military type groups which are organized for two specific purposes . . . either training and instruction in guerilla warfare; or in sabotage. And it does not effect any legitimate sportsman in any way, shape or form.

Arlington: But it can be reliably reported that the Attorney General is already on the extremist black list as a communist . . . or at best . . . a dupe of the Zionist, Negro communist conspiracy. Much of the current controversy over anti-gun legislation may appear to this series' listeners as trumped-up by extremists. This, however, is not all there is to be said. The legitimate sportsman and gun-fancier has taken a stand, too. Both against too-restrictive legislation and against extremism. The National Rifle Association is an institution often used by the hard-core right-wing in their efforts to do away with all restrictions on fire-arms. Here is Franklin L. Orth, Executive Vice President of NRA:

Mr. Orth: We are absolutely opposed to any organization which takes into its own hands the rights which have been set forth for our military organizations and for our police . . . and they must be prevented from doing this. We just don't want them in the National Rifle Association of America.

Arlington: Franklin L. Orth, of the National Rifle Association. Throughout this series our reports have shown that one man is involved in almost every phase of hard-core extremism in this area. This reported made various attempts to contact that man . . . the Reverend Wesley A. Swift; but, in vain. However, KLAC's News Director, David Crane, did manage an unrecorded meeting with Swift. Here's Crane's report on our efforts.

Crane: Trying to find a time and place where we could interview Dr. Swift was frustrating and, as you have heard in this series, futile. Once or twice it reached comic — or depending upon one's frame of mind — dangerous proportions. As you heard early in the program, we began zeroing in on Swift as the

head of the so-called California Klan several months ago. Our investigation became really active more recently. We first looked into Swift's background and listened to several of his radio broadcasts. Our attempts to contact him, personally, have sprung out over the past month. Charles Arlington attended several sessions of the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian in Hollywood. Each time with tape recorded ready, but was rebuffed each time. The first time Arlington met Swift, he asked for an interview, but was told that a tight schedule would prevent it . . . and he returned that evening when perhaps they could get together.

I went along the second time and was present when Arlington moved to intercept Swift at the door, but his way was blocked by a man mentioned several times in this report, Dr. Harold Burroughs, a Valley veterinarian. On another trip to the Hollywood Women's Club services, Swift told us he was, again, pressed for time, but promised to have his secretary call us and arrange an interview later in the week. We agreed, promising to show up whenever and wherever it was convenient to him. Needless to say, his secretary never called. We tried to telephone, but with a singular lack of success. He was always between home and somewhere. One night we ventured to his home town in Lancaster, ready to stay over-night if he'd meet us in the morning . . . but no luck. He was downtown somewhere, having dinner, but they'd give him our message.

Finally, determined to talk with the man, Arlington and I went to Hollywood again. And after the Friday night service, while Arlington diverted the attention of Swift's guard, Dr. Burroughs, I headed for the vestry. Burroughs made an effort to stop me, but by that time I had reached the door and pushed it open. I was met with a hand on my chest, blocking my entrance . . . it was Swift's son-in-law, Shreve "Duke" Nielsen. Before Nielsen could shove me out the door, I hollered to Swift that I had come to ask him again for an interview. He ordered Nielsen to let me in. We had a short conversation — about six minutes in length, during which I attempted to convince him to record an interview. He advised me that his lawyers had forbidden it; that he might be put on the spot and look as if he were repudiating the various extremist organizations. He again denied any direct association with the Klan, saying this had come about only because Connie Lynch had, at one time, preached in his church. This, in spite of the fact that only a week earlier Lynch had contributed the opening and closing prayer at both services on Sunday in Hollywood.

Swift further denied the existence of any arsenal as mentioned in the Attorney General's report on para-military groups and as rumored by a local TV broadcast. And that's about all I can remember of the conversations, since I must admit that the presence of Swift's body-guard and two other unidentified men in the small anti-room made it uncomfortable and early impossible to take notes. Their attitude toward me was only civil . . . never cordial. They were suspicious . . . and frankly, so was I.

Arlington: That was KLAC News Director, David Crane. This report now comes to a close. I'll have a final word in a moment, (Continued on Next Page)

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but right now a message from KLAC's Vice President and General Manager, Alan Henry.

Mr. Henry: During the past week — and in the last 90 minutes — people in the southland have been amazed, shocked, and in many cases, grown angry at what they have heard. Undoubtedly, some are asking . . . why? What good has been done by KLAC in exposing this meanness, this ignorance, these sick minds and terrified souls? These questions are legitimate. There is no certainty that we have not lead someone, somewhere to seek out and join ranks with these extremist groups. KLAC considered this, and in concert with responsible officials, decided that those so inclined could be driven no further . . . and those wavering in the direction of extremism might see how far they have strayed from what has come to be known as "the mainstream of American thought."

There is, in KLAC's files, a letter once written to us by an organization which urged us to ignore the presence of Nazi activity in this area. In part, our reply was as follows:

"I have never yet known a situation where sweeping dust under the rug solved anything."

In another paragraph we said:

"The welfare of any community is best served by the exposure of demigods, leaving it to the good judgment of the American people to decide their fate." In this series, KLAC discovered a festering sore beneath the surface. We have lanced it and have exposed the infection to the clean air of public opinion.

In addition to soliciting public response, the preparation of this program has brought together ideas and information from official agencies dedicated to keeping the peace and security of this state and nation. As has already been indicated . . . certain information that might have been still more damaging to extremists has not been broadcast, since it might damage efforts by police and other investigative agencies to continue their surveillance of extremist groups.

There is much that we have come to suspect goes on in extremist circles. What you have heard in this program has been documented. During this week we have invited, and broadcast, comment from the public on this series as it unfolded. Comment was overwhelmingly favorable, but we are reminded by some of those comments that the Klan mentality, their sympathizers, and their supporters live out there among us. One persistent suggestion has been that we should investigate left-wing extremists . . . the Black Muslims. Let me respectfully submit that KLAC's vigilance against communist influence is never-ending. It might be well to state that it was this station which first reported to the community of Los Angeles that there was a legitimate communist threat involved in the unrest on the Berkeley campus of the University of California. The

F.B.I. has since corroborated our information. The Muslim problem is something else again. It could not, by any stretch of the imagination, be considered sympathetic to the Ku Klux Klan; that they are, as a group, armed and dangerous is something that has not yet been proved. Perhaps we shall find them so. If so, we will report it.

Later this week a new dimension was added to our knowledge of southland activity in behalf of the Ku Klux Klan and its fellow travelers. It happened during an interview with William Bradford Huie, newspaperman and author of the recent best seller, "Three Lives in Mississippi." Huie was talking about Alabama Governor, George Wallace:

Mr. Huie: Wallace actually believes, you see, he believes . . . and he does have, support in Los Angeles, for instance. The Ku Klux Klan in Alabama has support in Los Angeles. Some of the largest contributions which the Ku Klux Klan in Alabama received after the Liuzzo trial . . . and the Life Magazine now is causing money to flow from Los Angeles, Chicago and Detroit to Alabama and to the Ku Klux Klan. Moreover, the Governor of Alabama gets letters every day from Los Angeles, commanding him . . . thanking God that we've got men like him to stand up for the white man . . . "and the white man needs this" . . . so you have them in Los Angeles, you have them in Chicago and Detroit . . . all over the United States.

Mr. Henry: Those words were unsolicited from a man who has lived his entire life in the South, who has spent years studying the Ku Klux Klan.

At this point, a word of thanks to the man Charles Arlington has referred to as Agent 13551. Most of his enemies know who he is. He is very courageous, and to be commended for a greater sense of patriotism and duty to his fellow-man than most of the rest of us possess.

To conclude . . . we ask that you bear in mind a line from Shakespeare when assessing the value of super patriotism.

"What a goodly face hath falsehood."

Now, here again is Charles Arlington.

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Arlington: We have here endeavored to show that hidden behind the pulpit and the political half-truth . . . there is a California Klan . . . not robed . . . not masked . . . but living in a bondage of fear and mistrust of fellow human beings with different names, different skins . . . different gods. The Klan mentality lives and flourishes in this our sunny southland . . . We live in . . . a "Hotbed of Hatred" . . .

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